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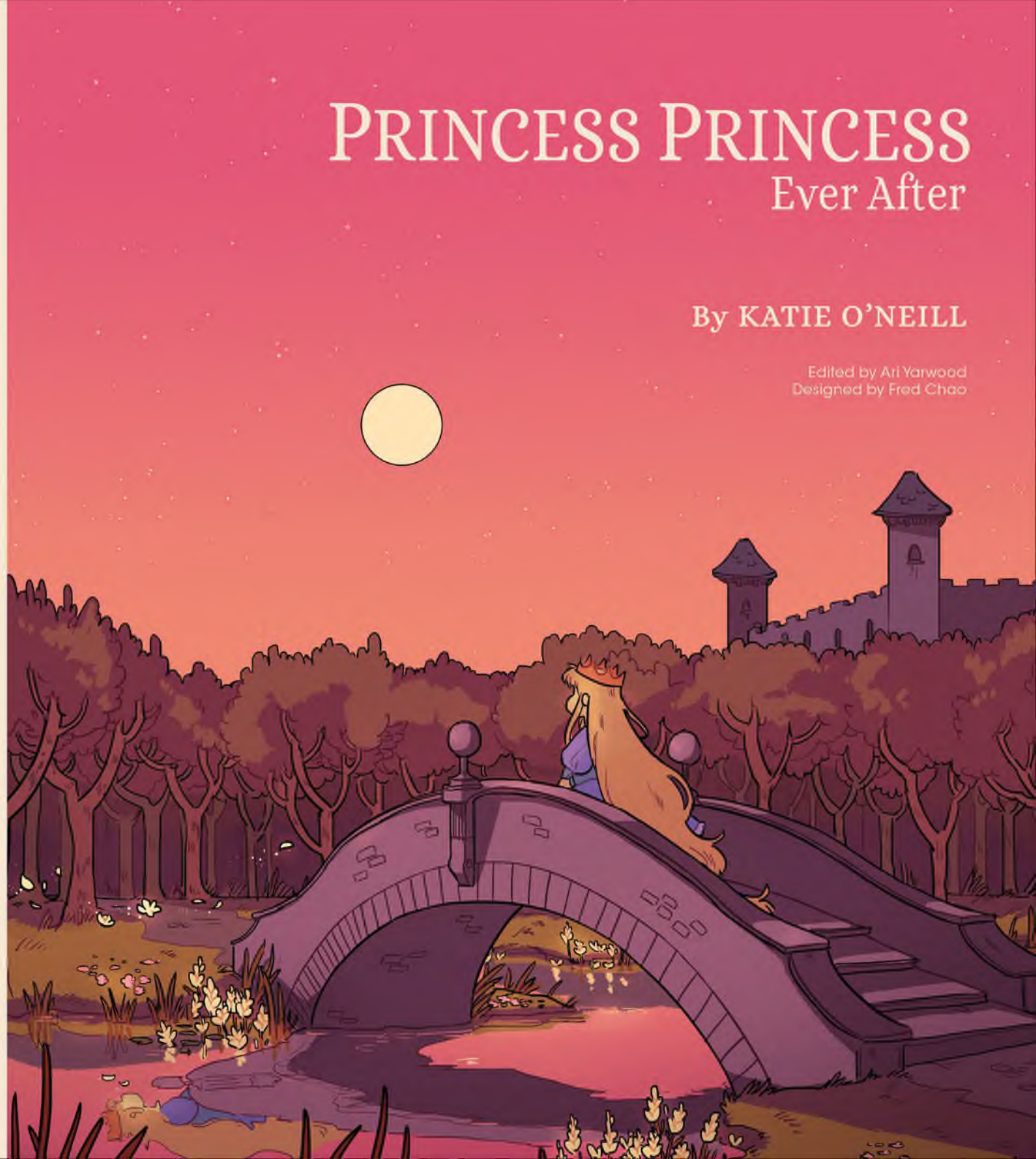

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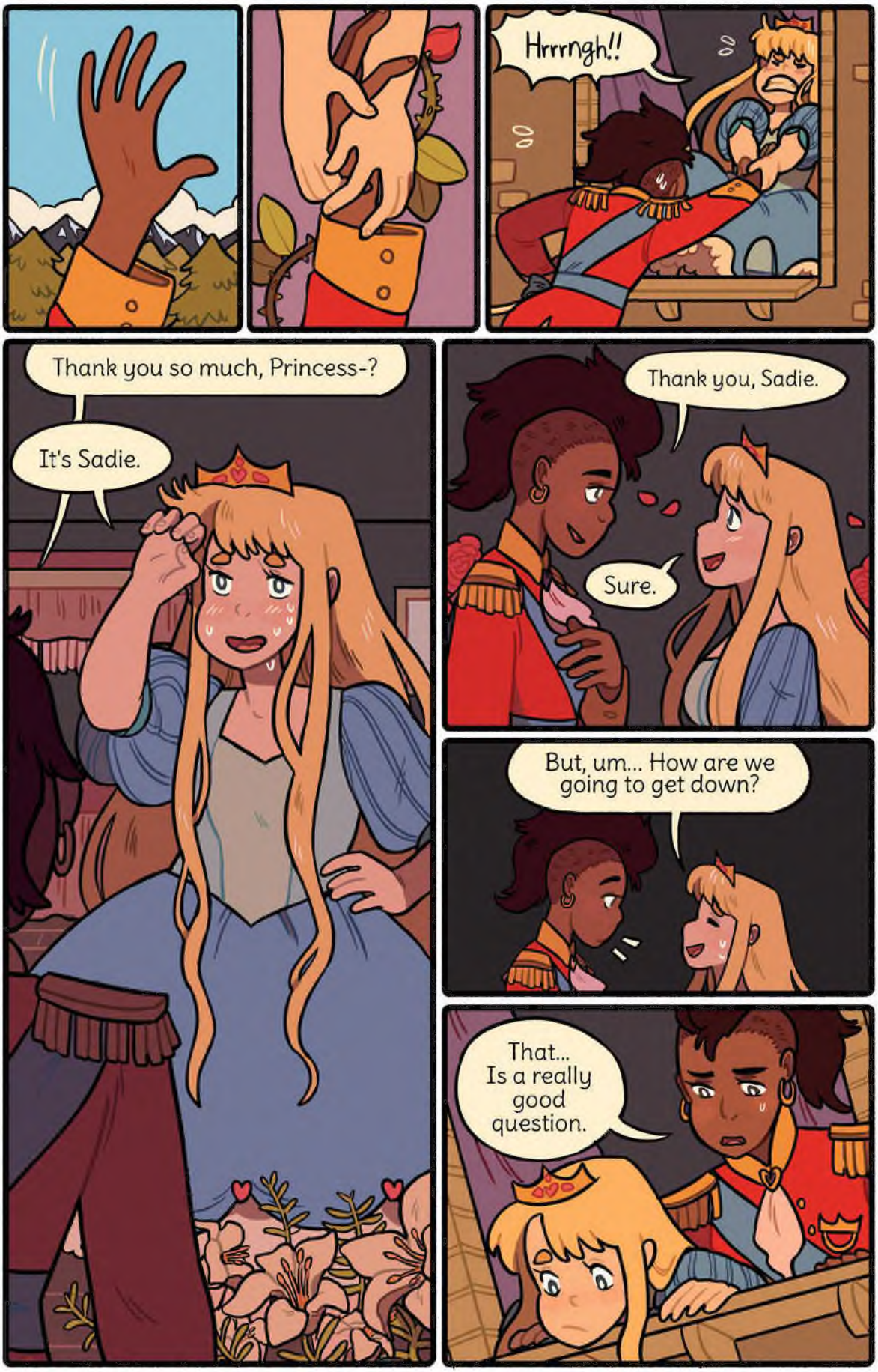
AAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHH!!!
Hurry, Celeste! We're almost at the tower!
AAAAAAAHHH!!!!
Fair maiden, please don't cry!
I have come to rescue you!
AAAA
HHHH
Huh?
Oh *great*, another prince.
Take your spontaneous roses elsewhere, please. I'm busy!

But I heard you screaming?
I wasn't screaming.
I was singing!
...
...Okay.
But don't you want me to bust you out of that tower?
Pfft, as if you could. Dozens of princes already failed.
What makes *you* any different?
Because I am no prince!
My name is Princess Amira...
...And I have a grappling hook.
Oh, *sweet.*

So can I rescue you?
...Yeah, I guess...
Great! Stand back, okay?
HEY! Watch it!
Woops! Sorry!
Hey...
I can do this!
I'm almost at the-
-top.
FUUUUUUUUUUDGE!!!


Hrrrngh!!
Thank you so much, Princess-?
It's Sadie.
Thank you, Sadie.
Sure.
But, um... How are we going to get down?
That... Is a really good question.

Hmm... How long is your hair?
Forget it! I'm not Rapunzel!
Oh! Can your little buddy here fly?
No, Oliver is big-boned... Like me!
...Oh.
Isn't there anything in here that can reach the ground?
Would I still be here if there was?
True...
I guess there's nothing else for it, then.
CELESTE!!
There's a cookie on the other side of the tower!
WHAM!

CRASH!!
Good job Celeste!
Celeste would do anything for a cookie.
I can sur relate.
I'm not sure... Actually, this is my first time rescuing a princess.
What? You're a rookie?
Wouldn't you rather be back at that tower?
At least there I was-
-safe.

Hello?
Who's there?
Who are you! Show yourself!
So back up your power, you mighty girl!
Rise, you!
Rise!

EEEEEEEK!!!
HUH?
I'd rather not kill you, Sadie.
But if I have to...
...I will.
I WILL GO SMASH!
Back to the tower...
The truth is, there's a chance none of the other princess were able to rescue me.
I kidnapped them.
But why?

You heard what she said... and she meant it.
I thought the tiger was the only place for me.
But there you came.
But now...
I'll protect you, Sadie! I have a sword, a vulture, and kick-butt hair!
It's true, your hair is kick-butt.
And I trust you.

Together!
Sure.
HEEEEEEELP!!!

Up there, [illegible]!
Fine. Prince Buttface here can rescue himself. Let's go, Sofia.
Avram, wait!

Sadie: This guy's a creep. He's not worth arguing.
Prince Ali: It's a bad idea. Not worth arguing.
I'm so glad you're home, Prince Ali. It's been so dull here.
Oh! I thought a princess would have much to do.
Yeah, but it's not glamorous. Sometimes I think it would've been better to not be a princess at all.
Really, Amina? You'd rather work hard every day, never sure where your next meal will come from?
Ha.

EEEEEEEEEK!!!

Wow, Cinderella!

My name is Prince Vladric, and I was put there by a giant reptiliod fiend!
Are ogres?
Yes, I was hoping to stay a bit.
But...?
...But it was too strong.
That sounds like an adventure to me, right, Jordan?
...Are ogres?

No protective Sword and sorcery, remember?
Do you need a ride?
Hey!
So, where exactly were they producing cogs, anyway?
Yes.
There's a small village just past the edge of that forest.
Bring the cart. Drive you both.
Shut up!

Being a hero...?
"I guess it stopped when I turned 16."
And I first learned what it really means to be a princess.
Mom! Why do you make me look like all those dull, royal princess?
Aerry, don't be unkind! One of them could be your future husband.
Oh, You're serious?

Amira, we love you and know you want to help us. Isn't it wonderful that you can connect us with another royal family?
I do want to serve the kingdom, but
...Once I realized there wasn't a place for me, I decided to make my own, you know?
I know.

Who are these friends traveling with her?
Does she think she can bother people to come here and defeat me?
Well, we can't allow that.

WHOMP
WHOMP
Oh.
What? You mean you don't know?

Excuse me?
Sadie, tell!
You need to stop dancing, Ricky! You're a great dancer, but can't you see you're scaring everyone away?
Ricky, dancing?
Dude! He's not!
Actually, I often wonder if my lack of creative fulfillment is because I never have an audience...
What?

Is that okay with you?
Of course!

Oh, great.

Guess we princesses did pretty good today, huh?
Yes. But why?
What do you mean, "why"?
Why are you so obsessed with being brave and such?
Nobody expects you to do these things, you have it so easy!
Do you wish you were a princess?
That's not it!
There's just a lot of pressure from my family for a prince to do things I don't want to do.

Like what?
...Like Boiling Lava.
Ah, Hahal!
Well, I understand paranormal explosions take hard to CHAS with...
But there's no reason to take it out on us.

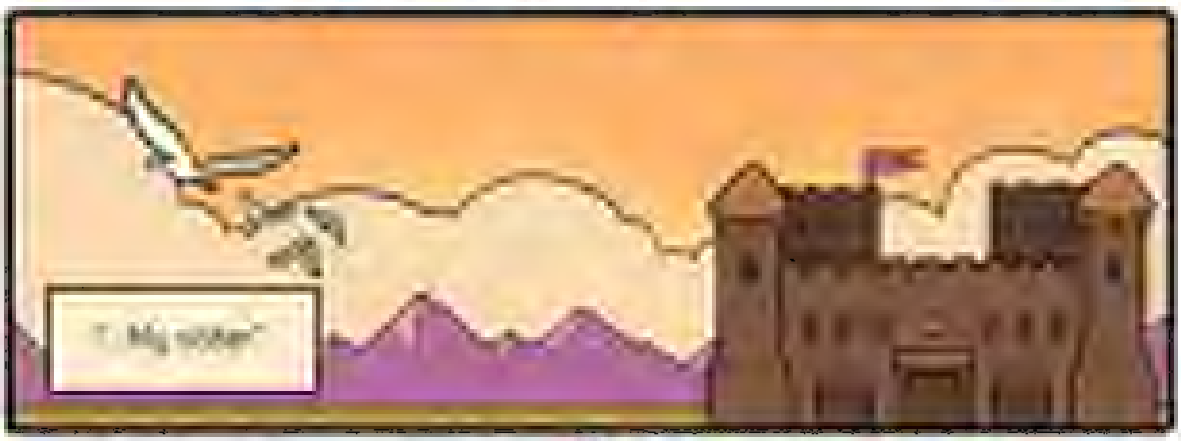
You dreamed it, COOPER TEN, CAMERON
You signed
I won't let you hurt
HEY!
Let go of me!

LET ME GO!!!
WHAT?
What do you want with her, you monster?
If you want her back, just come and get her...
...then I can lock you up for good!

Coming home if you
dare, little
Leila

Leila, who
was that?

Dad was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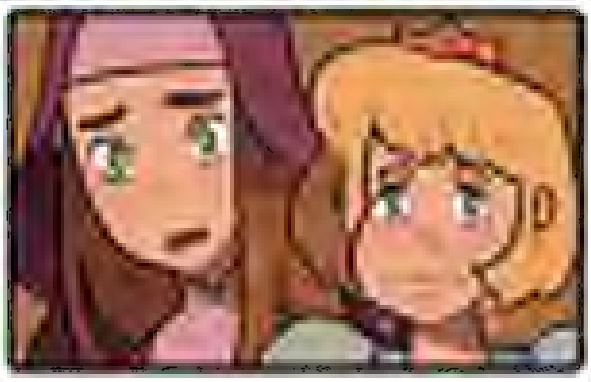


I never expected this day to come so soon...
Neither as a king, nor as a parent...
My girls.
You have already lost so much so soon. I go too often. You need to look after each other now.
That's why... I want you both to rule together as sisters.
But Papa! I'm two years older!
And I don't know how to be a queen.
Dear, Dade... My darling girls. Be good to each other...
P-Papa?
Your Majesty!
PAPA!!!

Shoot was wrong. Sorry.
We shouldn't rule together on all, great! Just drag me down. Like you said, you don't need know how, right?
—
And we both know you're too stupid and fat to ever be a queen. You don't even have magic!
Wouldn't be better for the kingdom if you just disappeared?

Your own sister locked you in a tower?!
Heh, yeah.
I don't care... I just want Amora back.

Sure! Here she comes.
I told you, Sadie doesn't even want to be Queen!
Ha! For most things I'm as dumb as my sister.
"I know why she's coming, and I'll be ready for her."

Hey! I'd know those puddy cheeks anywhere!
Princess!
Where have you been?
Did you remember me, Princess?
Old horse
Her Majesty said you were away on your "where the King died." Does this mean you're ready to be Queen now?
Em, sorry. I'm really just here to rescue someone.

Huh?
What exactly are you planning to do with Jaddar?

I haven't sounded that sad in ages in a long time.
Sadie?
Sadie.
What hope do you have, Sadie? asks Sam. Because you're a fat, ugly onyoldsky.
That's only the truth...
Pug. I'll never let you make me feel like it's a bad thing ever again!

SADDS
His name is Oliver.
He's my friend.

Why am I not surprised? Dragons can't be friends, girl. Ever.
Ah.
OHOOF!
I think her spell has killed.
Hello!
Next time you lick up your water, use a less powerful guard, eh?

Well that's no good, our Queen's can't have tantrums...
Long live Queen Sadie!
Sadie!
Sadie!
Oh, I'm sorry.
...I really didn't know how...
You can do it, Sadie.
They'll all help you, because they know you and they know you'll be a great Queen.
Hey!
Hey!

Well, your Majesty.
I hold onto I'm not Queen, and I'm still another [illegible] from the Royal Ashlan.
Of course!
Lumen, Sadie...
And how long will that take?
Before I met you, I totally thought I knew what a hero was. But now I can see how much I still have to learn.
I don't know... but you'll wait for me, won't you?
Of course!

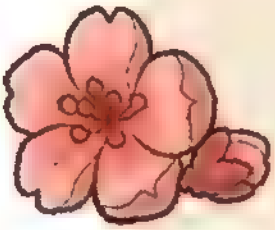
"I don't mind nothing..."
Because I know that when we meet again

Hey, Rutheven!
Rutheven!
Thanks!

Which way was it again?
It's been so long...
I think this is it.

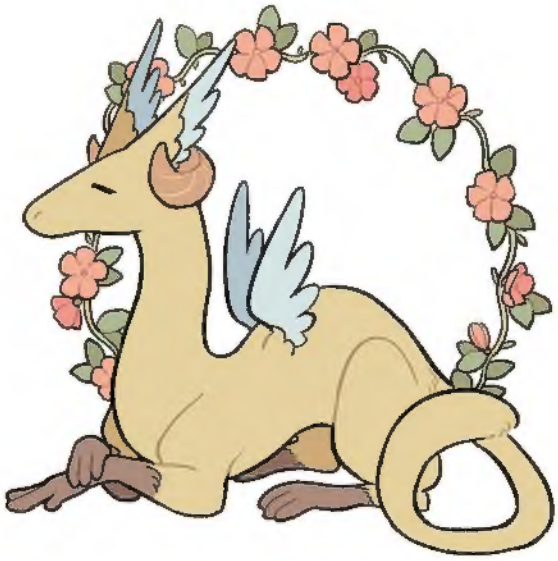
The End

Epilogue



Or when you gifts-
wrecked the wrot thing?
Jess nup

Somehow, nothing seems jolly right now.



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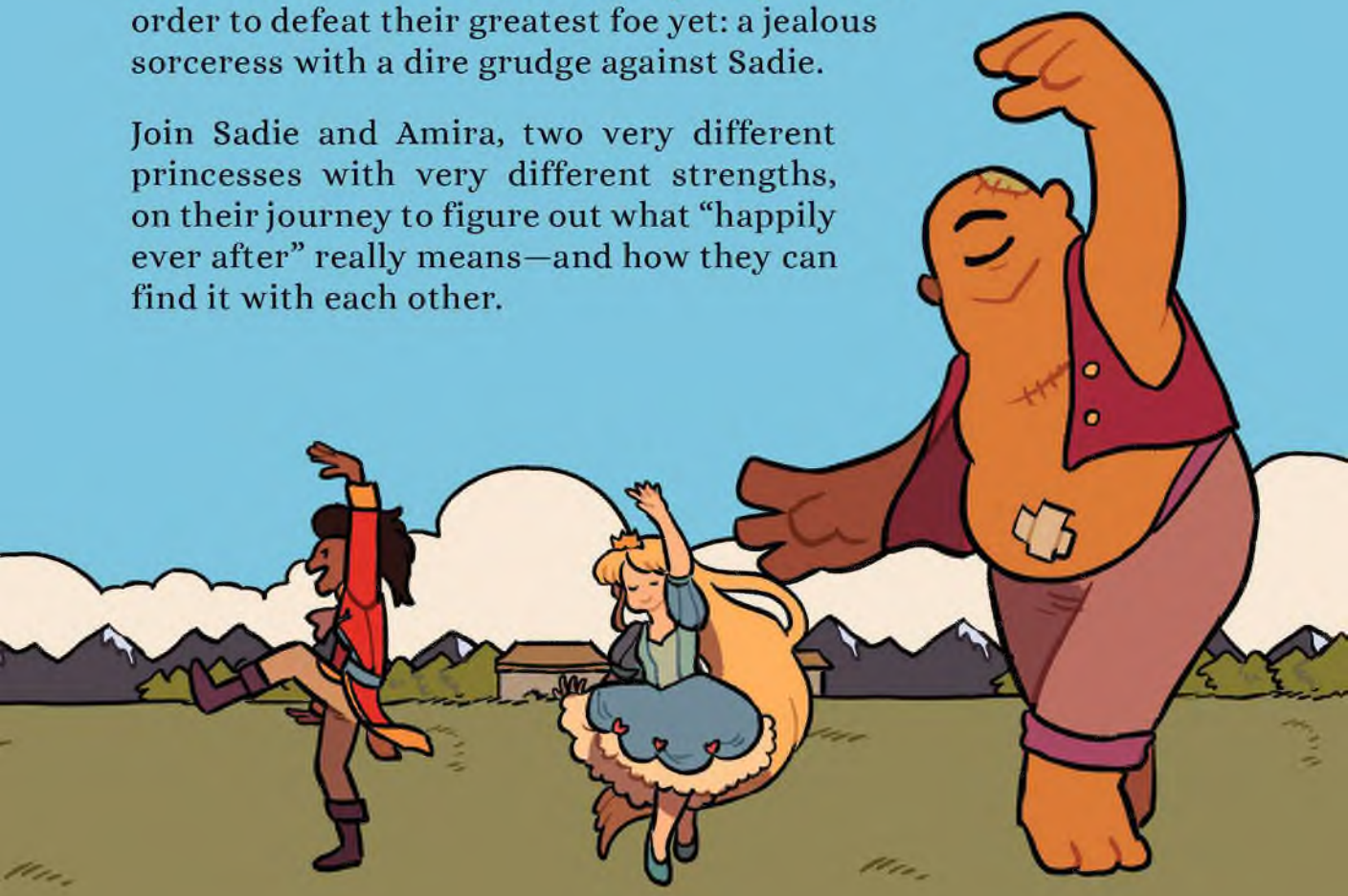
"I AM NO PRINCE!"

When the heroic princess Amira rescues the kind-hearted princess Sadie from her tower prison, neither expects to find a true friend in the bargain. Yet as they adventure across the kingdom, they discover that they bring out the very best in the other person. They'll need to join forces and use all the know-how, kindness, and bravery they have in order to defeat their greatest foe yet: a jealous sorceress with a dire grudge against Sadie.

Join Sadie and Amira, two very different princesses with very different strengths, on their journey to figure out what "happily ever after" really means—and how they can find it with each other.



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